(c) if not, whether Government intends to give fresh directives to the local police for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) As per the available information, on 28.11.2002 police detected four fire extinguisher cylinders fitted with Carbide chemical bottles and small stones at Girls Higher Secondary School, Kalamdanpora, Srinagar Later on, these were defused by Bombs Disposal Squad without causing any harm.

(b) and (c) The changing security situation in the State and available intelligence inputs are constantly reviewed, refined and monitored both at the State and Centre levels to meet the emerging threats and ground level requirements of fighting the terrorists.

Women personnel in Riot Control Units

807. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of women personnel in various Riot Control Units;

(b) whether Government have any plans on increasing this number in the near future ;

(c) whether Government realizes the fact that male riot personnel mishandle women demonstrators; and

(d) if so, whether Government is willing to issue orders for tackling women demonstrators by women riot control personnel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Police and Public Order are the State subjects as per List-II of the VIIth Schedule to the Constitution of India and it is, therefore, the primary responsibility of the State Governments to recruit women in the Riot Control Units in the respective States. No data pertaining to the women personnel deployed in these Riot Control Units functioning in the States is maintained at the Central level. However, there are women police personnel in the Riot Control Units of the Rapid Action Force under the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). Who are deployed on the request of the State Governments during riots. There are 960 women personnel in the 10 Rapid Action Force Units of the

C.R.P.F.; in addition, there are 2 Mahila Battalions in C.R.P.F. comprising of 2639 women personnel.

(c) and (d) The Central Government advise the State Government and CPMF's from time to time to ensure that the Police Force conduct themselves in a humane manner and are sensitive and tactful in handling women demonstrators.

Shelters for the old age persons during winter

808. MISS MABEL REBELLO : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 2000 people died of severe winter in North India;

(b) if so, whether Government have any plan to build shelters for the old particularly during winter;

(c) whether Government have any plan to give warm clothes to needy people during winters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Many parts of the Northern India underwent severe cold wave conditions during the current winter season and deaths due to cold wave were reported in a number of States. Detailed information regarding this has been asked for from the States and is awaited.

(b) to (d) The State Governments concerned are responsible for relief and rehabilitation including providing shelters and warm clothes to the affected people. Information regarding the relief measures taken by the States has been asked for and is awaited from the States.

Dacoities in Delhi

809. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have studied the contents of the news-item captioned "Swaroop Nagar main dus gharo mein dakaiti" and "Dakaito ne